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KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL

The Kewanna town council met in regular session Thursday, December 1, at the town hall with the president, Jeff Fink, presiding. Others present were council members Dan Birge and Mark Smith; clerk-treasurer, Jenny Kay; Dennis Price, town marshal; Mike Molitor, town superintendent; Robert Murphy, assistant; Susan Mahoney, John Salors, Joe Hott and Devon Moore.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

The monthly fire report was submitted to the council prior to the meeting. It revealed six town responses (one fire and five medical) and 13 township responses (four fire and nine medical). Training involved search and rescue.

Marshal Price submitted his November report and discussed a neighborhood watch program that local resident, Vickie Molitor, had inquired about. The town will look to Akron for information on how to run this program. A reminder will be sent out on the January and February water bills as to when the first meeting will be held. The marshal's monthly report noted three traffic warnings, one criminal arrest, 37 calls answered and 1,110 miles patrolled.

The council hired Shan Jolley to fill a part time deputy slot for the town beginning in January.

Bob Murphy opened the requests for qualifications for architectural engineering service proposals received for the downtown revitalization planning grant. The proposals will be rated by committee members to determine who will be interviewed for the project based on scores.

The council approved the purchase of tires for one of the town's pick-ups from JD's Service Center. The council tabled a request for a new job for the truck until a quote is received.

Additional appropriations from the Public Safety fund were approved as advertised.

The town clerk will attend the 2012 IACT clerk-treasurer's workshop in Indianapolis, January 9-11.

The council set a special year-end meeting for 4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 29, 2011, at the town hall.

The town superintendent's monthly report noted repairs to a wheel on the leaf machine.

An old outlet pipe at the town dump site was located by Clifford Bragdon and a 20 foot extension added to it. Over the last year, dirt from various projects was pushed around and covered the outlet. It is hoped the work will help drain the water from the area of the brush pile.

The switch over relay from the old irrigator at the wastewater



Christmas concert at Methodist Church

The Kewanna United Methodist Church will host award winning Southern Gospel recording artist Jerry Garcia on Saturday, December 10 at 6 p.m. This Christmas concert will be an unforgettable night for all. Invite your friends and family to experience a wonderful start to the Christmas season. The first 30 people will receive a free Christmas button that reads "It's okay to say Merry Christmas".

treatment plant to the new irrigator went bad and was replaced by Rex Urbain. He also discussed a button that light for one of the irrigator pumps.

Town employees worked at the wastewater treatment plant getting it ready to shut down for the winter. A new piece of pipe was ordered to repair two control valves. Both lagoons were then pumped out and the vacuum truck was used to wash and clean the contact tank. The irrigator was then drained and notes made of nozzles that will have to be cleaned.

The Christmas decorations were repaired and hung for the season.

The red pick-up was taken to Logansport for repairs to the transmission.

The mower was power washed, greased, oil added and all filters replaced before being stored for the winter. New blades and belts were ordered for next year.

Assistant superintendent Daniel Van Lake power washed the vacuum truck and drained it for winter storage. He started to service the big tractor, cleaned and put away the push mower, weed eater and leaf blower and brought one snow plow into the garage to check it over.

The leaf box was taken off of the dump truck and taken to the garage for cleaning. A new exhaust gasket was installed on the box and they are contemplating painting it. Work was also done on the dump truck to get it ready for snow plowing. The water works pumped a total of 1,072,100 gallons of water during November.

Claims against the town, water and sewage works were okayed for payment.

The town council met in special session before the regular meeting to receive bids on the town's bucket truck. The truck was sold to Mark Drubicki of Walkerton.

The town clerk-treasurer is looking for old black and white photos of the Town of Kewanna to hang in the town hall. Persons having photos should take them to her at the town hall.

VFW Christmas party

The James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121, Kewanna, will host its annual Christmas party for kids Sunday, December 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. Children from infants to 11 years of age are welcome to enjoy the festivities.

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CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE/ VARIETY SHOW AT THE MUSEUM

On Dec. 10th at the Fulton County museum will host their annual Christmas Open House. Activities will start the day with Farmers Market from 9-12 followed by refreshments, piano players and the museum decorated with numerous Christmas trees for the occasion from 1-6. The open house is a time for people to visit and see the decorated trees in the display areas of the museum, visit the museum gift show for the various gifts available including books on historic subjects, stocking stuffer items, Christmas ornaments that are on sale buy-one get-one, dreamcatchers, jewelry, etc. Something for everyone and fun for all ages.

There will be craft vendors on hand and others are welcome to join them if they wish. Shirley Willard will be here to autograph the "Rochester" pictorial book. Pianist Donna Cannedy, Darcus Vanduyne, Betty Hazlett and others, will play on the baby grand from the Colonial Hotel They will start at 1 p.m. and play for approximately one hour each. We encourage everyone to come and listen to their music and even sing along if you wish. If you would like to play the piano call the museum office to volunteer.

At 6 p.m. "Wild West Town" a variety show produced by Country Chukches Entertainment, filled with music, dance, and comedy in a Christmas setting in town of "Sweetwater". Performers will include: Danny Conley, Randy Spaulding, Gale Reynolds, Angie Mannix, Kewanna United Methodist Youth Group, Daniel Petersen, Grace Phillips, Jeff Myers, Cricket, Daniel Kramer, Myers Hayle and Terry Owens - comedy/magician. Variety show admission will be \$6.00 each ages 12 and up, free for all kids 11 and under. Tickets will be available at the door and will take place in the Richard Center Hall of the museum. Refreshments will be served. All proceeds go to the Fulton County Historical Society. The museum is open Monday thru Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for holidays. For further information call: 574-223-4436.

RECYCLING DATES

THURS., DEC. 1ST;
THURS., DEC. 15TH;
THURS., DEC. 29TH

The News In Brief

Caston Junior/High School will present its Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Monday, December 12, at McHale Auditorium in Logansport.

Town clerk-treasurer Jenny Kay is looking for old black and white pictures of Kewanna scenes to place in the town hall. If you have any you would like to share, take them to her at the town hall, 308 S. Logan Street.

The Farmers Market will be open for only two more Saturdays, December 10 and 17. Hours are 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Fulton County Museum. Vendors and craftsmen are invited to come. Breakfast/brunch of coffee, rolls and breads will be available. The Farmers Market will re-open in the spring.

Caston senior Graham Redweik has been named to the Indiana Football Coaches Association senior 1A all-state football team as a defensive lineman. He is the son of David and Lora Redweik, Twelve Mile, and the grandson of Millie Redweik, Kewanna.

The Kewanna town council will meet in special session at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 29, at the town hall to conduct year-end business.

Due to health problems, Jerry and Shirley Werner will not be appearing at their annual Christmas display this year, but they still wish one and all a Merry Christmas.

Shirley Willard's pictorial history of Rochester is still available at the Fulton County Museum, Walgreens and Webbs Pharmacy in Rochester. Your copy of the book can be autographed Saturday, December 10, in the Fulton County Museum during the Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; the Christmas open house from 1 to 6 p.m.; and after the Wild West Town show from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Red Cross will be collecting blood from 12 noon to 5 p.m. December 13 at Winamac Cold Spring in Kewanna and from 3 to 7 p.m. December 21 at the Rochester Walgreens. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, call 1-800-733-2767. Individuals who are 17 years of age, meet weight and height requirements and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. You must have your Red Cross donor card or other form of positive ID to donate. Persons who cannot now through January 31 will be entered in a region-wide drawing for a \$1,000 gift card.

The Woodlawn Hospital Auxiliary is conducting a silent basket auction ending at 6 p.m. today, December 8, at the Woodlawn Hospital cafeteria. An array of themed baskets

Birthday party for Jesus

The Kewanna Church of Christ will host a birthday party for Jesus from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, December 10. Children age 3 through sixth grade are welcome to join in the festivities.

The party will include a Bible lesson, crafts, games, singing, lunch and cake. For more information, call Martha Sheridan at 874-842-2202 or the church at 574-653-2496.

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Hope Hospice acquires Woodlawn Home Health Care

Hope Hospice Inc. has announced the completion of the acquisition of Woodlawn Home Health Care Services.

As of Thursday, December 1, Woodlawn Home Health Care became Hope Home Care. Hope Home Care will be located at 2316 E. State Road 14, next to the Fulton County Municipal Airport. CEO Dan Purkey of Hope Hospice, Inc. states, "The Hope Hospice family is excited at the addition of Hope Home Care. We will be able to continue home health care services that are so critical to the well being of our community and neighboring communities. It is our goal to add additional services for our home health patients in the near future. Our community needs will always be our focus."

Current Woodlawn Home Health patients will not be affected in the care they are currently receiving.

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donated by Auxiliary members and hospital employees will be available for bidding.

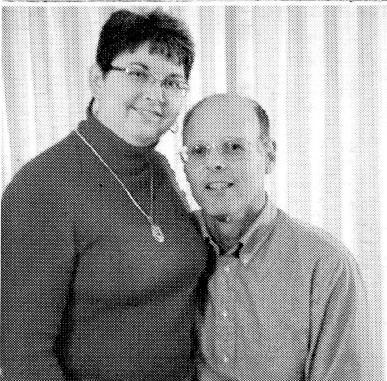
The Fulton County Choral Club will present its Christmas program at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 11, at the Community Presbyterian Church, 530 Jefferson St., Rochester. Refreshments will follow the program and donations will be accepted.

The Hope Hospice bereavement support group will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 13, at the Fulton County Public Library. The topic for discussion will be Grief during the Holidays. The group meets the second Tuesday of every month and there is no charge. Refreshments are provided.

The Emmaus Mission Center Food Pantry in Logansport is in need of food donations to meet the current demand. If you would like to donate food items, take them to the mission at 1203 College Street between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

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Clubs Societies Personals



Couple to celebrate 25th anniversary

Troy and Janie Hattery, Peru, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary December 13.

Troy and the former Janie Stangle of here met at a tractor pull. They were married December 13, 1986 by Pastor Steve Gladding at the Winamac Church of the Nazarene.

Troy is a farmer. Janie is the bookkeeper for the farm and also babysits. They have two children, Dean Hattery, and his fiancé, Amanda Locke, Peru, and Melinda Hattery, a freshman at St. Mary of the Woods College, Terre Haute.

They will celebrate the occasion with a family dinner and a trip to Kauai in February.

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Fay Pinder to celebrate 100th birthday

Fay Pinder will celebrate her 100th birthday at an open house in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Ed and Lora Pinder, 914 Lakeshore Dr., Culver, from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, December 11.

Fay was born December 12, 1911 in Kewanna. She married Harold Pinder in 1934, also in Kewanna. Harold passed away October 28, 1982.

Fay was employed as head cook at Fulton High School and Kewanna High School. She also worked at Winamac Coil Spring in Kewanna. Her last 10 years of work was at Pinder's Restaurant in Culver as a cook and pie baker. She then lived in Kewanna until four years ago when she went to live with her son and daughter-in-law in Culver. Her other sons include Dick (June) Pinder, Crossville, Tennessee, Jerry (Beverly) Pinder, Plymouth, and David, South Bend. One son, Robert, is deceased.

Fay will enjoy your presence, cards and memories, but, please, no gifts.

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Republican Women Meet

The Fulton County Republican Women met at 7 p.m. Monday evening, November 28, at Republican headquarters in Rochester.

Pat Hoover called the meeting

to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

The minutes and financial reports were presented.

Chad Hartzler from the central committee announced that Jesse Rude has been chosen to fill the late Sonja Easterday's at-large position on the county council.

The next meeting for the central committee will be in January.

Mrs. Hoover noted that the Memory Book for Sonja has been chosen. It is entitled "Trailblazers" and will be placed in the Abbeenaubee Township Library.

New business included the swearing in of the newly elected city officials on New Year's Day at Rochester City Hall. After acquiring more information, volunteers will be notified for further instruction.

Installation of officers took place with Kathy Easterday installed as president; Lee Ann Elzinger, vice president; Joan Steele, treasurer; and Cindy Goodman, secretary.

The president introduced Mark Clair, Alternate to Suspension and Explosion program teacher. Mike gave a very interesting presentation on the school and his involvement in it.

State Senator Randy Head, who stopped by for a visit, was also introduced. He spoke of his ambitions for the future relating to schools.

Pat thanked everyone for their support the past two years and encouraged everyone to give as much help and support to the new officers. Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Refreshments furnished by Sandy Denton and Roxanne Nafziger were served.

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CASTON MENU

December 12 - 16

Breakfast

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - Sausage & cheese or ham & cheese or cereal & toast or toaster pastry, juice and milk
Wednesday - Breakfast pizza with milk

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Lunch

Monday - Chicken alfredo twist, bread stick, peas, dessert and milk

Tuesday - Chicken quesadillas, salad, Mexican rice, apricots and milk

Wednesday - Cheeseburger sandwich, fries, broccoli, peaches and milk

Thursday - Honey BBQ chicken nuggets, Italian vegetable mix,

seasoned potatoes, fruit cocktail and milk

Friday - Pepperoni pizza, mixed vegetables, fruit, cookie and milk



Holloways to celebrate 70th anniversary

George and Bette Lou Holloway of Rochester will observe their 70th wedding anniversary at an open house to be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, December 11, at Wynfield Crossing in Rochester.

George Dale Holloway and the former Bette Lou Priser were married December 14, 1941.

Many will remember George as their Prudential Insurance agent. Bette was one of the friendly customer service reps at Sear's Catalog Store on north Main Street in Rochester.

The couple has two sons, Randy Holloway, Rochester, and Jeff D. Holloway and wife Carole of Port of Latta, Mexico. They also have two grandchildren, Nicholas and Danielle Holloway.

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Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 43,451,915
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 211,390,666
Other assets	\$ 213,719,109
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,999,996,294

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	\$ 1,277,209,854
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 206,097,833
Stocks	\$ 16,214,073
Reserve for Taxes	\$ 16,647,187
All Other Liabilities	\$ 166,601,182
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 2,141,137,860
Special Surplus Funds	\$ 21,839,255
Capital Stock	\$ 16,214,073
Gross Paid-in and Contributed Surplus	\$ 2,187,895,241
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 203,291,342
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$ 2,457,946,834
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 4,999,996,294

Brian W. MacLean
Signature

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(Printed Name)
President

Wendy C. Skjerven
Signature

Wendy C. Skjerven
(Printed Name)
Secretary

Hospital Notes

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

November 28

Dismissals - Thomas Brown, Randy Thompson and Virgil Wagner, Rochester; Lesell Halterman, Masy; Weldon Alderfer, Argos; Frank Johnson, Kewanna

Births - Krishnan and Carina Rajagopal, Kokomo, a daughter

November 29

Admissions - Rachel Damron and Ronna Ensley, Rochester

Births - Aric and Melody Hooley, Rochester, a daughter

November 30

Admissions - Patricia Lendermon, Winamac; Genelle Hoffman and Bonnie Overlander, Akron; Virginia Johnston, Donald Allen and Charles Miller, Rochester

Dismissals - Ronna Ensley, Rochester

December 1

Dismissals - Dorothy Horn, Rochester; Carina Rajagopal and daughter, Kokomo

December 2

Dismissals - Melody Hooley and daughter, Rachel Damron and Virginia Johnston, Rochester

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DEATHS

WILLIAM E. LOPER

A celebration of life was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at First Baptist Church in Rochester for William E. "Bill" Loper, 70, Rochester. Dr. Mark Spencer officiated and burial was in the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Mr. Loper passed away Saturday, December 3.

Born September 17, 1941, in Valparaiso, he was the son of Robert Carlton Loper and Selema Mildred (King) Loper. He grew up in Chesterston and attended Chesterston High School. He was married January 1, 1960 to Karen Pendley. They later divorced and he married Cynthia Ault on August 24, 1985 in Rochester.

A crane operator, Bill built pipelines for NIPSCO and later worked at the NIPSCO plant near Royal Center. After retiring in 1996 with 37 years of service, he worked at the County Post in Rochester and later as a bus driver for Rochester Community Schools and as a custodian for North Miami Schools. He also drove a bus for Life Care Center, Rochester.

He was a volunteer with the Rochester Little and Senior leagues and the 4-H Horse and Pony Club with his children and grandchildren. He was a Past Worshipful Master for F&AM Lodge No. 70 of Rochester, a member of the Shriner's Horse Patrol and a member of the Eastern Wood Carvers, Converse. He attended the First Baptist Church in Rochester where he served in various ministries.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy, at home; his children, Ginger (Loper) Reed and husband Bob, and Tariesa (Loper) Vendola, all of Rochester; Matthew Loper and wife Lynn, Fulton; Kari (Loper) Feida and husband Jim, Kewanna; Rhonda (Wiegand) Johnson and husband Brian and Lauren (Wiegand) Jefferies and husband Dan, all of Rochester.

He is also survived by 16 grandchildren; two brothers, Robert Loper, Warsaw, and Richard Loper, Cromwell; and a close cousin, Gloria Vance of Mississippi. He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Gifts in his memory may be made to the First Baptist Church, Rochester, or Martin Hall at Life Care Center, Rochester. Friends may sign Bill's guest book or light a candle in his memory at www.goodfamily.com.

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PAUL C. BAKER

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at Bethel Bible Church for Paul C. Baker, 67, Kewanna. Rev. Thomas Hopewell officiated and burial, with military graveside services conducted by the American Legion and the VFW, was in McKinley Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Mr. Baker

passed away at 8:30 a.m. Friday, December 2, 2011, in Pulaski Memorial Hospital.

Born April 18, 1944, in Winamac, he was the son of Chester Richard and Sarah Lavon Davidson Baker. He was married January 26, 1965, in Cassopolis, Michigan, to Susan L. Pavy, who survives.

A lifetime resident of the Winamac area, Paul graduated from Winamac High School in 1962. He received his B.S. and M. Eds. from Ball State University. He also received continuing education from the University of California and Notre Dame.

He began his career as a middle school science teacher in Winamac. He also taught high school sciences. He became interim principal at Eastern Pulaski Elementary and went on to become principal of both the Winamac Middle School and Winamac High School. He finished his career as superintendent of the Caston School Corporation.

Paul was a member of the Eastern Pulaski Teachers Association from 1972-1986. He

was also a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association.

He served in the U.S. Air Force, attaining the rank of captain in the Security Police.

He also farmed with his father and uncle on the family farm for most of his life. His family farm received the Hoosier Homestead Award from the State of Indiana.

Paul was co-founder of the Pulaski County Recycling Project in 1973 and was the first president of the Recycling Board. He was a member of the Winamac Kiwanis Club and the Grass Creek Lions Club. He was a former board member of the Four County Counseling Center and served the organization as president from 2003-2008. He was currently serving as a board member of the Pulaski County Community Foundation and was president of the Pulaski County Library board as well as an elder of Bethel Bible Church, Winamac.

He loved to fish, camp, ride his Gator and target shoot.

Survivors include his wife, Susan; two sons, Trent R. Baker, Orlando, Florida, and Chad M. Baker and his wife Samantha, McKinney, Texas; a daughter,

Kristy Kay Showley and her husband Wyatt, Knox; three grandsons, Andy Mark Baker, Joel Matthew Showley and Ethan Andrew Showley; a granddaughter, Jaquelyn Sarah Baker; his mother, Sarah Lavon Baker, Winamac; a brother, Dennis R. Baker, Glendale, California; cousins, nieces and a nephew. He was preceded in death by his father; a sister, Lucinda Lee Martin; a brother-in-law, Robert Martin; and a nephew, Chet Martin.

A visitation was held Tuesday, December 6, at Bethel Bible Church. Frain Mortuary in Winamac was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Bethel Bible Church.

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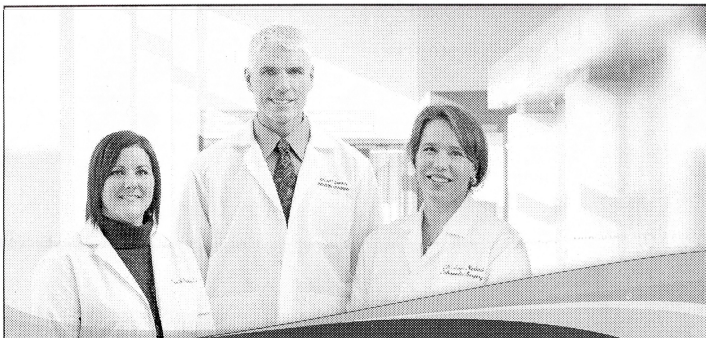
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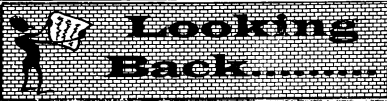
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SIXTY YEARS AGO
December 14, 1951
 Harry Emery Bothwell, 67, New Smyrna Beach, Florida, died at 7 a.m. Monday, December 3, following a heart attack. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Irene Troutman of here. Services were held Thursday and burial was in the Edgewater Cemetery, New Smyrna Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Mosher, Kewanna, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Bonnie Mae, to Robert R. Pearson, son of Harry H. Pearson, Winamac. The couple will exchange vows Sunday, December 16, at the Kewanna Church of Christ.

Activity on the new state highway to connect Fulton and Grass Creek will start within the next 30 days according to the State Highway district office at LaPorte.

Harley Feidner, Rt. 1, Kewanna, received word December 1 that his son, Pvt. George Feidner, was wounded in action November 20 in Korea. Pvt. Feidner entered the Army March 12 and was sent overseas in July.

John Agnew, a clerk in the Rochester Farmers Mutual Insurance office, was in Indianapolis December 6 to attend an insurance company meeting.

Carl Reason, 18, left Thursday, December 6, for Lackland Field, San Antonio, Texas, for training in the Army Air Corp. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Reason.

Harold Gunter, 20, left Friday, December 7, for Lackland Air Field, San Antonio, Texas, for Air Force training.

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Terry Livengood found a dandelion in full bloom along the railroad tracks Friday, December 7.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
December 13, 1956
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shadle, Kewanna, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Helen Louise, to Martin E. Myers, son of Mrs. Arnold Vanderbil, South Bend. Miss Shadle is a graduate of Kewanna High School and Indiana University. Mr. Myers is a graduate of Buchanan High School, Buchanan, Michigan. The couple will be married December 29 in the Kewanna Methodist Church with Rev. George Wright officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Eral Kimble of South Bend are the parents of a daughter, born December 11. She weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and has been named JoAnn.

Kewanna Masons elected officers when they met December 4. Elected were Don Mutchler, Worshipful Master; Clifford Baggerly, senior warden; Robert Masteller, junior warden; Adam Sommers, Jr., junior deacon; and Eldon Smith, secretary.

Sherri Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Evans, Kewanna, had the misfortune of being hit on the head by a garage door at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Heinzen the latter part of the week. She was taken to Woodlawn Hospital where the injury was treated. Sherri remained in the hospital for a few days.

Frederick Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brown, Kewanna, was recently discharged from the Army at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and has returned to his home here. He had been in Korea since February.

Nancy Appleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Appleman, Rt. 1, Kewanna, celebrated her 7th birthday Tuesday after school. The members of her second grade class helped her celebrate the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sadler

entertained a group of friends Sunday in celebration of the birthdays of Mrs. Dorothy Sadler, Joe Burns, Ted Sadler and Mrs. Eyda Hizer.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie House entertained a few friends Sunday evening at a euchre party. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Max Seese and Mrs. Maude Sales of Rochester; Mrs. Marie Corbett, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moon, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Ginn and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Graffis.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
December 14, 1961
 The all "A" honor roll at Kewanna contained the names of Richard Graffis, Margiene Troutman, Sally Masteller and Maurine Masterson.

Garland Masterson, Kewanna, was elected chairman of the newly formed Fulton County Development Commission when it met Tuesday evening, December 12, in Rochester.

Coffee was selling for 49 cents a pound at Deckard's IGA in Kewanna.

Bill Harris, a student at Ball State, came home Wednesday to spend his Christmas vacation with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ball of

Michigan City and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gillespie were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smith. The group celebrated the birthdays of Guy Smith and Bert Gillespie.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ness and Ted were Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Zellers of Kewanna and Bill Williams and Jerry Myers of Logansport. They helped Ted celebrate his birthday.

The Kewanna Business Girls Club held its annual Christmas bazaar and gift exchange at the home of Mrs. Violet Clyde Thursday evening.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
December 15, 1966
 Mary Masterson, 57, Rochester, died Tuesday at Billings Hospital in Chicago. She had lived in Rochester for 2 1/2 years, moving there from Kewanna. Survivors include her husband, Garland; a daughter, Maurine Masterson who is a student at William Woods College in Fulton, Missouri; a sister and two brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. David Metzger of Kewanna will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, December 18, with a dinner for the immediate family at the Captain Logan Hotel in Logansport. An open house for family and friends will be held

from 2 to 5 p.m. in the couple's home here.

Word has been received from 2nd Lt. Jeanne Urbin Markle that she and her husband have arrived in Vietnam. They are stationed near Saigon.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
December 10, 1981
 Kewanna Elementary School will present its annual Christmas program Wednesday, December 16. The title of this year's cantata is "Wow! It's Christmas". Members of the cast are Denver Cox, Rhonda Mikesell, Karl Bitterling, Craig Bitterling, Charli Ingram, Jamie Vogel and Shelly Klinefeiler. Those singing solos include Nicky Cox, Missy Garner, Lisa Bowman, Heather Ingram, Tom Zimmerman and Jaclyn Davis. The chorus is made up of all the children in grades one through eight.

Students of the Sunshine Nursery School held at the Kewanna Church of Christ were pictured. Students included Scott Lewark, Brandon Collins, Jason Allen, Scott Baldwin, Troy Cochran, Tyler Enyart, Kenny Keyser, Dustin Ewing, David Sebbly, Ryan Heiden, Leesa Plummer, Laurie Baldwin, Mandy Bauman, Carrie Hickie, Lynn Plummer, Holly Flint, Mark Bauman, Jennifer Thomas, Jason

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COMPANY NAME: Union Insurance Company ADDRESS: 11201 Douglas Avenue CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: Urbandale, IA 50322 ORIGINATED UNDER STATE OF: Nebraska CONTACT PERSON: LOWEE ROBINSON		FEIN: 47-0547953 PHONE: (515) 473-3250 EMAIL: lrobinson@owgins.com	RINC CODE: 25844
ASSETS OF COMPANY (Nearest dollar)			
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$	19,866,768.00	
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$	0.00	
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$	4,680,000.00	
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$	0.00	
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule OA & E)	\$	-2,979,822.00	
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$	71,120,247.00	
Other assets	\$	2,554,238.00	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	95,251,421.00	
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS			
Reserve for Losses	\$	0.00	
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$	0.00	
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$	0.00	
Reserve for Taxes	\$	2,859,392.00	
All Other Liabilities	\$	64,999,976.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	67,859,368.00	
Special Surplus Funds	\$	0.00	
Capital Reserves	\$	5,000,000.00	
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$	7,009,385.00	
Unassigned Surplus	\$	15,382,668.00	
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$	27,392,053.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$	95,251,421.00	
Signature: <i>Craig W. Sparks</i> Name: Craig W. Sparks Title: Vice President		Signature: <i>Ty C. Simmons</i> Name: Ty C. Simmons Title: Secretary	

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"Looking Back"

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Herd, Amy Milliser, Laura Koelsche and Angela Johnson. Kathy Millman is the instructor.

Betty Lou Murdick became the bride of Rev. Ivan E. Augsburgsberger Saturday, November 28, when the couple exchanged vows in the Argos Congregational Church. The bride is a graduate of Kewanna High School and attended Bethel College. She has been director for Tri-County Child Evangelism Fellowship for 25 years. Rev. Augsburgsberger is a graduate of Bluffton High School and the Missionary Training School at Fort Wayne. He has been in the Dominican Republic for 33 years as a missionary under the direction of the Baptist Mid-Missions.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Field, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter born December 5 in Woodlawn Hospital. The baby weighed 9 pounds and 1 1/4 ounces and has been named Kristen K. The mother is the former Karen Plantz.

Stacey Lynn Personett was featured in the senior class "Who's Who".

TWENTY YEARS AGO December 12, 1991

Funeral Services were held December 4 at the Poole Funeral Home, Port Washington, Wisconsin, for Elmer Vogel, 62, of Thiensville, Wisconsin. He is survived by six children including Vickie Molitor, Roger Vogel and Jamie Short, all of Kewanna.

Jay Hammond of Flora has been hired as Kewanna town marshal. He will officially begin his duties December 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Troutman have returned home from Honolulu, Hawaii, where they visited her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bothwell.

Jennie Carey of Plymouth, Lat Hoover of Rochester and Lois Kumlser spent Saturday in Chicago.

Eastern Pulaski Menu December 12 - 16

Breakfast Menu

Monday - Crackers, string cheese, juice and milk

Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

Wednesday - Cereal bar, string cheese, juice and milk

Thursday - Biscuit with sausage patty, juice and milk

Friday - French toast, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Sausage pizza, green beans, applesauce, cookie and milk

Tuesday - Turkey and cheese sandwich, lettuce salad, orange juice, cookie and milk

Wednesday - Chicken nuggets, fries, peaches, bread & butter and milk

Thursday - Pork tenderloin, mixed vegetables, pineapple, cookie and milk

Friday - Biscuit and gravy, egg patty, hash browns, apple slices and milk

Middle/High School Lunch
Monday - Grilled chicken sandwich, green beans, applesauce, cookie and milk.
Choice - salad bar
Tuesday - Nacho supreme, carrots, cinnamon apples and milk.
Choice - salad bar
Wednesday - Cheese pizza, spinach, grapes, Oreo cookie and milk.
Choice - salad bar
Thursday - Sub sandwich, seasoned fries, pears, cookie and milk.
Choice - salad bar
Friday - Chicken nuggets, seasoned potatoes, cinnamon bread, grape juice cup and milk.
Choice - salad bar

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Upcoming Events At Kewanna Library
Dec. 17th - Children's program starting at noon
Dec. 19th - Board meeting at 6 p.m.
Dec. 24th - CLOSED
Dec. 31st - CLOSED

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James F. Talbott VFW December Schedule

December 11 - Christmas party, 2-4 p.m., for ages infant through 11 years of age
December 13 - VFW meeting
December 18 - Women's Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.
December 27 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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ASSETS OF COMPANY

	(NUMBER DOLLAR)
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 12,272,461
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 0
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 0
Real Estate Loans (Schedule J)	\$ 0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule D-A & C)	\$ 29,542,211
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 0
Other Assets	\$ 91,544,398
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 133,359,069

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	\$ 102,841,910
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 14,008,884
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 0
Reserve for Taxes	\$ 0
All Other Liabilities	\$ 6,998,288
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 123,849,082
Special Surplus Funds	\$ 2,000,000
Capital Stock	\$ 2,000,000
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$ 52,400,000
Unassigned Surplus	\$ (45,490,017)
Surplus at regards Policyholders	\$ 9,509,988
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 133,359,069

Theresa Reali
Signature

Thomas J. Balkan
Signature

Karl J. Wall

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President

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Secretary

"Slices of Life"

By: Jill Pertler



Visiting Mars

My husband recently spent a few days out of town (literally, he was in a forest). He camped in a remote area and experienced poor cell phone reception. I tried calling him, but he didn't answer, nor did he call me. For three days.

For some married couples this would mean little, but I am used to talking to my husband every day. It is customary for him to return my calls. After 20-plus years of marriage, I've come to count on him for little things like a hello. When he didn't reciprocate any communication for 72 hours, my mind began to spin.

A logical person might assume he'd lost cell phone service. A reasonable person would consider that his cell phone battery may be running low, or perhaps his wilderness activities kept him busy and he didn't have time to call. There were a number of logical and reasonable explanations for the situation.

I was not thinking of any of them.

My husband was uncommunicative for three days. I started to imagine all the perils possible in his circumstance. A car crash. Lightning strike. I considered the likelihood that he'd lost his phone. Or, perhaps a wild grizzly bear stole it. I contemplated the possibility of his being kidnapped and held

against his will. Maybe he was lying unconscious in the woods - under a downed tree. He might be injured and bleeding and unable to press the answer button on his phone. Perhaps he'd fallen and couldn't get up.

Finally, on the third day, my phone rang. It was him. His voice sounded chipper; not stressed. Healthy; not injured. Alive; not dead.

With a logical tone he told me his remote location prohibited him from dialing out or receiving incoming calls. I felt relieved, and a bit sheepish. I'd let my mind get away from me, thinking of all sorts of negative situations, while my husband hadn't given our inability to communicate a second thought.

It made me aware of our differences and the well-known phrase that begins with, "Men are from Mars." I do believe men might be from Mars, but if that is the case, then women are from the superstore.

Mars has sand and rocks. The superstore has everything else: produce, clothing, pet food, school supplies, home furnishings, toiletries, car parts and a hardware department. I am often called upon to visit the superstore, retrieve multiple items and juggle them while walking toward the cash register. All the while, my husband is on Mars - with its sand and rocks - looking for a TV remote. (Never mind there are no TVs on Mars, my husband

will find a way to get satellite service; just give him a cardboard box, a couple of paper clips and a roll of duct tape.)

The whole Mars-superstore analogy gives us insight into the inner workings of our brains. Men and women are wired differently. We can't change this. It's our lot in life.

Someone told me men are able to focus their thoughts on one thing at a time. They do not get distracted by the periphery or distracting ideas about how the laundry needs folding, the dog could use a walk, the coffee is running low and we are down to our last roll of toilet paper.

I cannot imagine thinking of one thing at a time. It is beyond my comprehension, control and ability. My brain attempts to focus on at least 10 items at any given moment - which helps to explain why I visit the superstore and forget what I went there to purchase. I am fragmented.

My husband is not. He sits happily on Mars with his toes in the proverbial sand. When I don't return his phone call he chooses one logical explanation, grabs the remote and takes a nap.

When I try to return his call, he is sleeping and doesn't answer; and my mind starts spinning - again.

Men are from Mars and I am not. Sometimes I wish I were. I'd like to go there some day, just to understand what it is like. After my visit, I'd invite my husband to come with me to the superstore - you know, so he could experience it for himself. Well that, and to give him a chance to practice his juggling.

Jill Pertler, award-winning syndicated columnist and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Self-Syndication" is collecting fans on Facebook on her Slices of Life page. Email her at perlm@cweset.net; or visit her website at <http://marketing-by-design.name.mchtl.com/>.

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Caston Athletic Schedule

Friday, Dec. 9 - JV boys basketball at Carroll, 6 p.m.; varsity boys basketball at Carroll, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10 - varsity wrestling Super 8 at Caston, 9:30 a.m.; JV boys basketball with Faith Christian at Caston, 6 p.m.; varsity girls basketball with Faith Christian at Caston, 6 p.m.; varsity boys basketball with Faith Christian at Caston, 7:30 p.m.; JV girls basketball with Faith Christian at Caston, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 - Elementary boys basketball with Peru at Caston, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 15 - Elementary boys basketball with Lewis Cass at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; JH boys basketball MWC tourney, first round, at Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.

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American soldiers do not fight because they hate what is in front of them, but because they love what is behind them.

Author Unknown

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ASSETS OF COMPANY

	(Nearest dollar)
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 138,178,120
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 0
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 0
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 12,680,862
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 935,563
Other assets	\$ 29,180,734
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 180,975,279

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	\$ 28,963,715
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 6,714,236
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 8,267,377
Reserve for Taxes	\$ 302,110
All Other Liabilities	\$ 35,620,122
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 79,867,760
Special Surplus Funds	\$ 479,603
Capital Stock	\$ 13,434,900
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$ 72,016,120
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 15,176,896
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$ 101,107,519
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 180,975,279

Brian W. McLean
Signature

Brian William McLean
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ASSETS OF COMPANY

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Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 79,119,399
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 0
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 0
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 3,894,613
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 17,880,270
Other assets	\$ 13,539,868
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 114,434,150

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	\$ 40,720,633
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 11,977,742
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 21,798,094
Reserve for Taxes	\$ 1,630,007
All Other Liabilities	\$ 15,286,258
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 91,412,734
Special Surplus Funds	\$ 620,682
Capital Stock	\$ 3,000,000
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$ 5,757,734
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 13,643,000
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$ 23,021,416
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 114,434,150

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Varsity wrestling

The Comet wrestlers lost to Triton Thursday, December 1.

Weight class and results include:

108 - Caston forfeit to Triton's Soriano

113 - Derek Berkshire lost to Burkholder, 5-2

120 - Caston forfeit to Triton's Warren

126 - Braden Moss won by forfeit

132 - Kyle Harvey won by decision over Babendner, 12-1

138 - Caston forfeit to Triton's Creighbaum

145 - Andy Wert lost to Morkiawa by pin

152 - Caston forfeit to Triton's Swanson

160 - Graham Redwek wins over Grubbs by pin

170 - Jeremy Gonzalez wins by pin over Milton

182 - Taylor Grounds wins by decision over Kannan, 9-4

188 - Ryan Coffing lost to Hoffman, 11-4

220 - Caston forfeit to Triton's Home

285 - Caston forfeit to Triton's Edmonds

The Caston wrestlers competed in an invitational Saturday, December 3, at Winamac. The Comets were 1 and 4 for the day. Individual records by weight class were:

113 - Derek Berkshire, 2-3 with two pins

126 - Braden Moss, 3-2 with two pins

132 - Kyle Harvey, 4-1 with two pins

145 - Andy Wert, 0-5

152 - Graham Redwek went 6-0 with three pins and won his weight class

160 - Taylor Grounds, 4-1 with two pins

170 - Jeremy Gonzalez, 4-1 with one pin

182 - Ryan Coffing, 2-3

195 - Derek Kimes, 1-4

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Attend Church Sunday

Pulaski Memorial Hospital Community Calendar

Sibling Class

The next sibling class is scheduled for Dec 10 at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, from 9 am to 10:30 am. The purpose of the class is to assist the big brothers and big sisters (ages 3 to 10 years) to adjust to the new baby in the family. They are offered a tour of the OB department to see where the baby is to be born, learn how to hold and assist in the baby's care, and explore their feelings about becoming a big brother or big sister. Parents are encouraged to schedule your child for the date closest to the expected date of delivery. An adult must accompany the child.

To register, call Patient Services at 574-946-2193 between 9 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. Please provide your doctor's name, your due date and telephone number. There is no charge if you plan to deliver at Pulaski Memorial. There will be a \$6 charge if you plan to deliver elsewhere.

Auxiliary South Bend Chocolate Sale

The Pulaski Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will host a two day South Bend Chocolate sale Dec 19 and Dec 20 in the Pulaski Memorial Hospital front lobby.

Guest Speakers to Community Pulaski Memorial Hospital has launched its new speaker's bureau, complete with Power Point presentations. This is a free service to any civic, club, school or church organization. Available topics include: New addition Radiology contact Jim Pungile at 574-946-2138;

Emergency contact Deb McDonald at 574-946-2141;

Home Health contact Amy Bean at 574-946-2145;

Hospice contact Karen Utes at 574-946-2140;

Oncology contact Joan Launder at 574-946-2180;

Maternity contact Sharon Berry at 574-946-2113;

Rehab Services contact Will Fox at 574-946-2156;

and the **Winamac Specialists' Clinic** contact Carol Sparks at 574-946-2106.

Volunteer Openings

The Pulaski Memorial Auxiliary has openings for both men and

women. Areas of service include Reception Desk, Gift Shop, Hostess Program and Patient Services. For more information call 574-946-2100.

The Pulaski Memorial Hospital is also in need of men and women volunteers. For information about this opportunity call 574-946-2140 and ask for Karen Utes.

Free Breastfeeding Clinic

The Pulaski Memorial Maternity Department's "Drop-In" Clinic is where you can get your breastfeeding questions answered. Please come to the hospital front lobby and ask for the drop-in clinic. The clinic is offered weekly;

Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. The visit is completely free, and no appointment is needed.

Julia Deane, RN, RMC, and an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant will staff the clinic.

Social Security

A Social Security representative will not be at Pulaski Memorial Hospital. If you need to contact Social Security call 1-800-772-1213 or visit www.socialsecurity.gov

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Legal Description

Lots 3 & 4 Clark's Addition A copy of this Petition, and all pertaining thereto are on file and available for examination prior to the Public Hearing at the Fulton County Planning Commission Office at 125 East 9th Street, Rochester, Indiana

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Public Hearing will be open to the public and any comments for or against the Petition will be heard at this meeting.

For special accommodations needed for disabled individuals planning to attend, phone (574) 223-2912 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the Solid Waste Management District of Fulton County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at the Fulton County Solid Waste District office, 1452 Westend Street, Rochester, Indiana, at 7:00 pm on the 21st day of December, 2011.

SPECIAL SOLID WASTE

MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Other Services & Charges, \$18,193.00

TOTAL for Special Solid Waste Management District, \$18,193.00

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The Department will make a determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within their regular meeting place of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Dated: December 5, 2011

Melinda Streifer

Fiscal Officer

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Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown

Ph.: (574) 653-2451

According to the calendar, winter does not officially start until Dec. 21; Mother Nature had another thought though Tuesday, Nov. 29. It seems that winter decided to start that day with a winter storm watch that included strong winds and heavy snows. It was no where near the three feet of snow they have in Eagle River, Alaska, but it was a sign of things to come.

Tom and Barb LaFollette and their great-grandson, Eli Lopez, were in Rochester Friday morning, Dec. 2. They enjoyed visiting with friends over breakfast at the VFW post.

Ruth Cogdill returned home Friday accompanied by her daughter, Jane Teeter. (Ruth had spent the past month with Jane in Bluffton. Jane, Ruth and all of their close family were present for the funeral of Jane's husband, James Teeter, Nov. 1.) Ruth, Jane and Jane's daughters and their families, Jessica Teeter and Braden Butler, Jacob, Nicholas and Ellaina, and Jaclyn and Chad Shaw, Sophia and Sam, gathered together for Thanksgiving. Ruth enjoyed spending many days with her granddaughters and great-grandchildren. On their way to Kewanee Friday, Ruth and Jane stopped in Macy to visit Ruth's son, Tim Cogdill, who is recovering from spinal surgery. Jane remained overnight with Ruth and returned to Bluffton Saturday afternoon.

Jerry and Kay Brown had an exciting time Saturday evening, Dec. 3. They attended the Rochester vs. Southwood high school girls' basketball game. Their granddaughters, Leighnee and Kaelee Smith, are players for Rochester (the winning team).

Jon Gast was in Logansport Saturday evening. He had a nice time attending the annual Letter Carriers' Christmas party. This year's

event was held at the Elks' lodge.

Pauline Scales and her daughter, Linda Garner, enjoyed a pleasant afternoon together Sunday, Dec. 4. While dining out, they caught up on things.

Florence Hogan had a couple of visitors Sunday. Coming up for a family chat were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette. The Kellys picked up some groceries and did some chores around the house for Florence.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Bob Bauman, JoAnn Collins, Michelle French, Sarah Purkey, Hampton Short and April Troutman, Dec. 11; Hailey Evers, Bob Polstra and Zach Wassermann, Dec. 12; Tom Johnson, Dec. 13; Jane Arend, Gene DeWitt, David Leazenby and Keilah Sutton, Dec. 14; Wes Hickie, Dec. 15; Clarissa Baker and Jim Hickie, Dec. 16; and Teresa Conner, Tom Garner and James Pearcy, Dec. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Smith will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Dec. 15.

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**Advertising & News
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Methodist Women enjoy Christmas carry-in

The Kewanee United Methodist Women met Monday evening in the church annex for its annual Christmas carry-in.

The president opened the business meeting by leading the group in The Purpose.

Beth Weller offered the secretary/treasurer's report, including a report on the luncheon/bale and rummage sale held recently.

The 2012 budget was reviewed and officers were elected. Bev Tom will serve as president with Barb Clyde as her vice president. Beth Weller will remain as secretary/treasurer with Karen Good as her assistant. The group agreed that future presidents will serve a two-year term with the vice president moving up to presidency.

Members volunteered to host the various meetings in 2012. The group does not meet in January, February and March.

Tammy Wilson won the door prize.

In lieu of a Christmas gift exchange, the members brought gifts for the Emmaus homeless shelter and Morningstar girls' home in Logansport. These items were viewed before packing them for delivery.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Hoosier Cup Gymnastics Invitational: Dec. 10 - 11 in the Marsh Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 1 to 8 p.m. Admission: \$10; children 5 and younger free. For more info: www.hoosiercup.info.

McMazeo: Dec. 11 in the Champions Pavilion. The event begins at 2 p.m. For more info: Reginald O. Jones (317) 823-5683 or www.mcmazeo.org.

33rd Annual Indiana-Illinois Farm & Outdoor Power Equipment Show: Dec. 13 - 15 in the West Pavilion. Hours: Tues. and Wed. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: free. For more info: Dick Sherman (843) 686-5640 or www.indiana-illinoisfarmshow.com.

Salvation Army Christmas City Toy Shop 2011: Dec. 15 in the Exposition Hall. Hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission by invitation only! For more info: Julia Sloope (317) 637-5551 or www.indysalvationcity.org.

Great Train Expo: Dec. 17 - 18 in the Marsh Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$7; children 11 and younger free. For more info: Bill Grove (630) 608-4988 or www.trainexpoinc.com.

YMCA/U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots: Dec. 17 in the Champions Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission: free for pre-registered families. For more info: Urban Mission YMCA (317) 713-8549 or www.lovetofortots.org ###

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